

Sunday 6 September 2020

You can see God wherever you see love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, GENTLENESS and
self control



Happy Father's Day

Read: Wind, Earthquake, Fire and Whisper Based on 1 Kings 19: 7-15

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God spoke to Elijah in a gentle whisper. He treated Elijah gently. God wants us to show others what his love looks like through being gentle.

Provide a seashell for the children to listen to. (A cup, bowl, or any other curved object will give you the same sound.)

How is the sound in the shell like God's voice? (It's a gentle sound or whisper; you have to listen very carefully to hear it; the sound comes from deep inside the shell and God speaks deep inside us; etc.)

Being Gentle

Bring out some bandages, band aids and cotton balls. Explain that you're going to pretend you have a scrape on your finger. (You can draw it on with a marker or pen.) Let your child use a soft cotton ball to clean your "wound," and then help him apply a bandage. Give hints or suggestions when needed, and compliment your first-aid helper when he's finished. Talk about how gentleness is important, especially when someone is hurting. Ask your preschooler how it feels when his brother, sister or playmate is not gentle with him.

Gentleness:

Gentleness means that we use soft touches and soft voices. When we are gentle, we are careful with people and with things. For example, we have to be gentle holding kittens and puppies.

To Do:

Mix 2 cups of cornflour to one cup of water to make oobleck. (You can add a few drops of food colouring too) Pour it onto a tray or some plates. Then play with it. The slower and more gentle the play, the more liquid the mixture is and the easier it is to move fingers through it. Hard, sharp actions, such as slapping down on top of it will meet with solid resistance!

Prayer Time:

As you move your fingers slowly and gently through the oobleck, pray that God will help you to be more gentle towards others in words and actions in the coming week.

Cotton balls and sand paper

Get the children to feel the cotton balls and then to feel the sand paper or other things that feel gentle compared to rough. Get them to describe how each feels.

Wind, Earthquake, Fire and Whisper Based on 1 Kings 19: 9-18

Elijah lived before Jesus and he was one of God's prophets. He heard God speak and tried to follow God's ways. But he was living at a time when lots of people didn't follow God's ways. A queen called Jezebel was very angry with Elijah and wanted to kill him. Elijah was so scared he ran away into the desert and sat under a tree and fell asleep. An angel touched Elijah and told him to wake up and eat because he had a long journey ahead of him. Elijah headed towards Mount Horeb where he found a cave and sheltered there.

"What are you doing here, Elijah?" asked God.

"I have done my best to do what you want me to do but no one listens, no one tries to follow you and now they want to kill me," replied Elijah.

God understood what was in Elijah's heart.

God said, "Stand on the mountain and watch me pass by."

A powerful wind suddenly stirred and ripped through the mountains. But God was not in the wind.

Then there was an earthquake, cracking open the rocky ground. But God was not in the earthquake.

Then there was a fire. But God was not in the fire.

Finally, there was a quiet, gentle voice.

When Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his coat. He went out and stood at the entrance to the cave.

In that quiet, gentle voice, God said "Go back the way you came, Elijah. I still have a work for you to do."

GENTLENESS

